

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 24, 2006

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1659**

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**Introduced by Senator Cox**

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend Section 129765 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1659, as amended, Cox. Hospital seismic retrofit.

Existing law, the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983, requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to assume prescribed duties relating to construction and alteration of hospital buildings, including, but not limited to, review and approval of construction plans, in order to ensure that the buildings would be reasonably capable of providing services after a disaster.

Existing law sets forth the facilities plan application requirements, including, but not limited to, that the application be accompanied by the plans and full, complete, and accurate specifications.

This bill would authorize the office to permit ~~application by electronic submittal~~ *electronic submission of plans*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 129765 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:

1     129765. In each case, the application for approval of the  
2 plans shall be accompanied by the plans, by full, complete, and  
3 accurate specifications, by structural design computations, which  
4 shall comply with the requirements prescribed by the office. The  
5 office may permit ~~application by electronic submittal~~ *electronic*  
6 *submission of plans*.